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BALTIMORE MAN SENTENCED FOR ARMED CARJACKING

Case Results From HIDTA Initiative

BALTIMORE, Maryland - United States Attorney for the District of Maryland Rod J. Rosenstein announces that today U.S. District Court Judge Catherine C. Blake sentenced Kenard Maurice Collins, age 20, of Baltimore to 93 months in prison followed by 3 years of supervised release for carjacking and using a firearm in furtherance of a crime of violence.

According to the statement of facts presented to the court as part of his guilty plea, on January 23, 2004 Collins and an accomplice used semi-automatic pistols to carjack a Ford truck in Baltimore City, forcing the occupant from the vehicle. One of the men made the occupant kneel on the ground and threatened to kill him using his weapon. Shortly thereafter, Collins and his accomplice left the scene. The occupant called 911. Baltimore City police officers subsequently spotted a truck that matched the description of the carjacked truck provided by the victim. When officers began to follow the truck, the vehicle sped away. The officers followed. The ensuing car chase ended when the driver of the truck crashed his vehicle. At that point, the officers saw Collins exit the vehicle and flee on foot. The officer apprehended Collins after a short foot chase. At the time of his arrest, Collins was in possession of a semi-automatic pistol.

United States Attorney Rod Rosenstein thanked the Baltimore City Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives for their investigative work, and Assistant United States Attorney Jonathan Mastrangelo for prosecuting the case.